

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously Presented) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a weight bearing tube support comprising, when closed, a
curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving
a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said weight bearing tube support comprises a first portion and a second
portion, each of said first and second portions being connected by a hinge, and when
said tube support is closed, said curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-
section contacts the piece of tubing substantially around its entire periphery.

21. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 20, wherein
each of said first portion and said second portion of said tubing device comprises a
channel.

22. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 21, wherein
said channel in said first portion and said channel in said second portion are configured
to align with each other to hold a piece of tubing between them.

23. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 22, wherein said channel in said first portion and said channel in said second portion are configured to form a cylindrical channel when aligned.

24. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 23, wherein said channel in said first portion and said channel in said second portion each has a semi-circular cross section.

25-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Currently Amended) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a support member having at least one substantially planar surface,
a channel formed in the at least one substantially planar surface
and lying in substantially a single plane and a means for holding a piece of tubing in the support member, the means comprising the channel having at least a substantially semi-circular cross-section, with adhesive being used if the cross-section is of a substantially semi-circular cross-section or less.

wherein said curvilinear channel is a first curvilinear channel, and said support member comprises a second curvilinear channel, said second curvilinear channel being disposed adjacent to said first curvilinear channel and within said support member and wherein said second curvilinear channel has a diameter less than the cross section of

said first curvilinear channel.

28. (Currently Amended) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a support member having at least one substantially planar surface,
a channel formed in the at least one substantially planar surface
and lying in substantially a single plane and a means for holding a piece of tubing in the
support member, the means comprising the channel having at least a substantially
semi-circular cross-section, with adhesive being used if the cross-section is of a
substantially semi-circular cross-section or less,
wherein said curvilinear channel is a first curvilinear channel, and said support member
comprises a second curvilinear channel, said second curvilinear channel being
disposed adjacent to said first curvilinear channel and within said support member and
wherein said second curvilinear channel has a diameter less than the cross section of
said first curvilinear channel ~~The tubing device according to claim 27,~~
the tubing device further comprising first and second pieces of
flexible tubing, said first piece of flexible tubing being disposed in said first curvilinear
channel, and said second piece of curvilinear tubing being disposed in said second
curvilinear channel.

29. (Currently Amended) The tubing device according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 28,
wherein the outer periphery of said first channel overlaps the outer periphery of said

second channel.

30. (Currently Amended) The tubing device according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 28, wherein said support device comprises a barrier between said first and second channels, said barrier comprising a slot to allow communication between said first and second channels.

31-35 (Cancelled).

36. (Previously Presented) The tubing device according to claim 24, further comprising a piece of flexible tubing disposed in said channel.

37-58. (Cancelled)

59. (Previously Presented) A weight bearing tubing device, said tubing device comprising:

a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support

is closed, said curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.

60. (Previously Presented) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of other than a U-shape and of a substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support is closed, said curvilinear channel of other than a U-shape and of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.

61. (Previously Presented) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel of horse-shoe shape and of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support

of horseshoe shape is closed, said curvilinear channel of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.

62. (Previously Presented) A tubing device, said tubing device comprising:
a tube support comprising, when closed, a curvilinear channel at least partially of an S-shape and of substantially circular cross-section disposed therein for receiving a piece of tubing; and
means for holding a piece of tubing in said channel,
wherein said tube support comprises a first portion and a second portion, each of said first and said second portions being connected by a hinge, and when said tube support of horseshoe shape is closed, said curvilinear channel of at least partially of an S-shape and of substantially circular cross-section will contact a piece of tubing placed therein substantially around its entire periphery.